

## Caring for the Kennet & Avon Canal

We're the charity working to protect and bring to life this 250-year-old network of canals and rivers spanning England and Wales. Not so long ago many canals were abandoned, and some lost forever. Today, with your support, wildlife is recovering, history is alive, boats are plentiful and spending time in this environment is contributing to our health and happiness.

Our mission is to keep this extraordinary network of canals and rivers alive, teeming with wildlife, transforming places they run through and enriching all of our lives. Your support today could help us care for Somerset's canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.



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Please support our work & donate today

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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Kennet & Avon Canal, and the wildlife that calls it home, is growing all the time. As a charity we need you by our side more than ever. Please support our work today.

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Making life better by water

## Keeping history alive

Until the Kennet & Avon Canal opened, boats had to navigate a long and perilous journey along the English Channel.

As well as creating a shorter route between Bristol and London, this new canal also opened up new trade opportunities, allowing Bath stone, which was quarried nearby, to be 'exported' to Bath and Bristol to the west and London to the east.

Once the railway arrived, the canal fell into disrepair. For decades, teams of volunteers laboured to bring the waterway back to life and today it is one of the most popular canals in England.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to [canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers)



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## Welcome to Bathampton


The perfect place to enjoy some time by water.








We're the charity making life better by water

Once a bustling busy wharf, today Bathampton is an idyllic spot to enjoy a peaceful walk along the Kennet & Avon Canal.

**Visit us at:**  
Mill Lane, Bathampton,  
Bath BA2 6TR

 Allow 1–2 hours  
for this visit

### Find your way around

-  towpath
-  café
-  pub
-  bench/picnic area
-  parking



**Stay SAFE**  
**Stay Away From the Edge!**

For more information on visiting safely:  
[canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety)

Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.

## 5 things to do at Bathampton

- 1** **Enjoy** a peaceful stroll along the canal into the bustling city of Bath (3 miles/4.8km).
- 2** **Cycle** along the towpath to the historic Claverton Pumping Station, built by engineer John Rennie to supply the canal with water (4 miles/6.5km).
- 3** **Chat** with our friendly volunteers and find out how we are looking after the canal and its wildlife.
- 4** **Have** a picnic alongside the canal, look out for the waterbirds and enjoy spending some time by water.
- 5** **Explore** the pretty village of Bathampton, its history stretches back to Roman times.

### Did you know?

In around 1897, Bathampton resident and art teacher, William Harbutt, invented a new non-drying modeling clay, Plasticine. This world-famous material was produced in the village until 1983.

